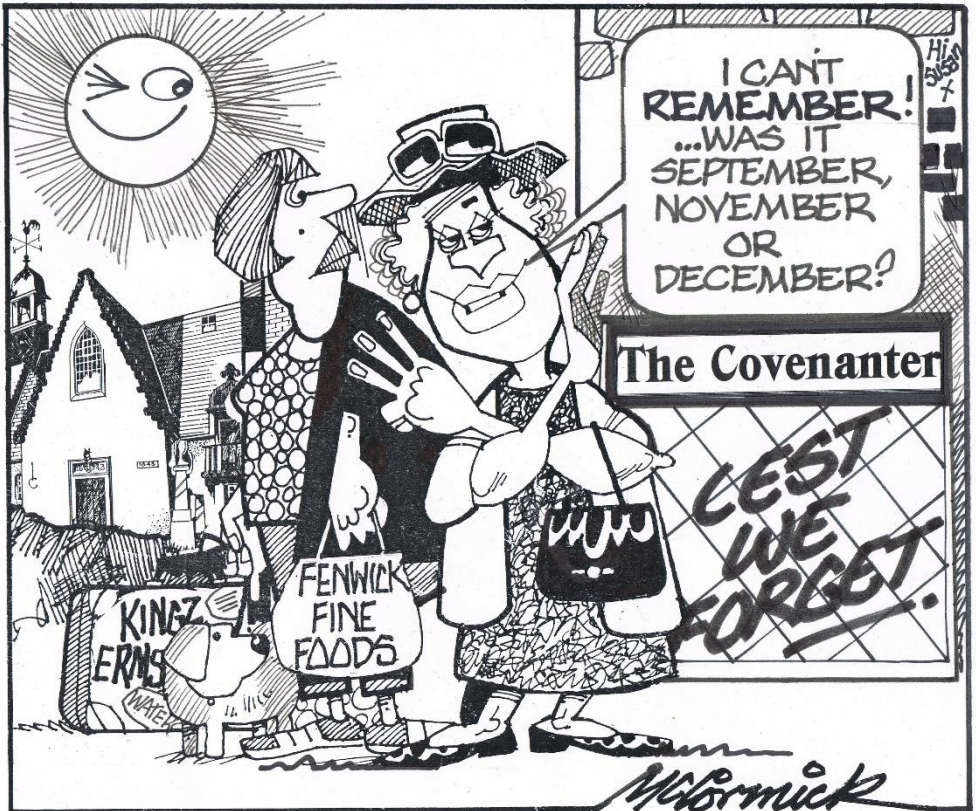


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The friendly church...

So let me ask you a question... what do you think about Church? And in particular what is your impression of Fenwick Parish Church? And while you are thinking about how you are going to answer that question, is your answer based on past experience, recent experience, general assumptions, or on the say so of other folk?

It is not often we blow our own trumpet in the Church, perhaps we should a little more often, but over the last few months there has been a really good vibe in the Church on a Sunday morning. In worship these days there is a good mix of people from the really young (less than a year old... he brings his Mum with him!) to the not so young. Yes, we are as a community of faith slightly weighted to the older years but there are more than a few younger faces in the mix.

A wee while back we asked folk to sum up their experience of Church in one word or at most a short phrase. The following is what they wrote: friendly, warm, inspiring, contemplative, peaceful, welcoming, unity, cheery, friendship, loving, musical, calming, uplifting, reassuring, wonderful, happy, a chance to praise God, surrounded by God's love, a place to relax, reminded of God's love, a home from home, like coming home.

So what about you? Are those the words that you would use to describe your perception of Church? Or are your words based in a dusty and musty past? Could you do with some peace and reassurance in your life? What about inspiration and cheery friendship? Or is a pinch or two of God's love the missing ingredient in your life at this moment?

As I type out the list I am particularly struck by the last one... *like coming home!* Have you thought about Church in that way? A place and a space where you feel at home. A place of security, warmth, peace and reassurance. A spiritual home maybe. There are lots of folk in the parish who don't come near the Church on a Sunday morning. You might be one of them. Church just isn't your thing, it is not for you. On what assumptions have you based that assertion?

There are others though who have come along found faith, been part of the community of the Church and then for one reason or another simply stopped coming along. Just this week I had cause to browse through the membership roll which has more than 300 names on it. Less than a third are anything like regular attenders at worship. The reasons are many and varied why folk stop attending, anything from “I don’t like the minister”, “the service is too early”, “the service is too long”, through to “I don’t have time”. There are of course those who can’t come for health reasons and that perhaps includes those who have felt unable to attend at a time of a personal pastoral crisis in their lives. There are of course those that whatever reason they give today they have simply got out of the habit and in doing so found other things to fill their Sunday mornings.

So what about you? What does your Sunday morning look like? Is it a lazy morning with the Sunday papers and a cup of coffee or is it up and out to the shops or perhaps it is a day for sport: golf, cycling, hill walking or something else? Or is Sunday to catch up with the washing and housework?

Whatever your Sunday looks like at the moment my invitation is for you to dip your toes into Sunday worship and to decide for yourself if today’s church is your thing. The invitation is in effect to come home. My hope and prayer is that in accepting the invitation is that you will find a “home from home” as others have done and find for yourself that place of welcoming cheeriness and peaceful calm.

And did I mention it is Easter! Enjoy the spring and your chocolate Easter eggs.

Blessings

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Lest We Forget Project Fenwick Festival of Remembrance



Fenwick Parish Church has been commemorating the Centenary of the Great War through a Heritage Lottery funded Young Roots project. Our young people have been researching the stories of the men named on our war memorial.

To conclude the project we are planning a Festival of Remembrance over the weekend of the 16th and 17th of May which will include:

An Act of Remembrance in the Church and at the War Memorial

The opportunity to follow a Heritage Walking Trail and Geocaching Trail

Family activities including community art

The opportunity to visit the Church Flower Festival

Reflection and commemoration spaces

Premier of WW1 Film produced by our young people (featuring the story of one of the Soldiers from Waterside), followed by a community cinema showing of 5 Children and It.

An Exhibition in the Church halls

A Poppy Tea room

The full programme will be available soon. If anyone would more information or to volunteer to help with the weekend please contact

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YCAM Whist Drive

A very successful whist drive was run to raise funds for the youth of the Church to attend a weekend at Teen Ranch. This is a Christian run camp for the youth with horse riding, swimming, archery and other activities. The results of the whist Pink cards 1st equal Jean Caldwell and E.Law 3rd Jean Craig consolation Karyn Connor White cards 1st Bill McNab 2nd J.Kerr 3rd Anne Campbell consolation Sheree Connor. A good number of those playing were trying whist for the first time and all did very well. A big thank you to all who helped in any way especially the bakers and those who donated raffle prizes.

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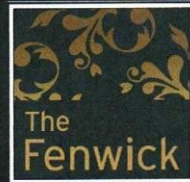
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The Fulton Club

For our last meeting on 4th March, we were entertained by Graeme and Isobel, who gave us an hour of music that we all remembered, and very much enjoyed. A very big ‘thank-you’ to Mary and Nan for providing the lovely home baking for our tea.

We will meet again at the Fulton Hall on Wednesday 2nd September, but before that we have the members Spring Lunch on 8th April and the Afternoon Tea outing on 15th April. For both of these events, the drivers will arrange details with their passengers.

The Garden Club

We had a very interesting talk from Diana Stewart, who showed us slides of her trip to America, and in particular her visit to the High Line in New York. It was encouraging to welcome some new faces to the meeting – long may that continue!

Our next meeting is on 16th April, when the speaker will be **Graham Duncan** from NTS Greenbank. His topic is ‘**Plants for easy care and maintenance**’ Please note that our May evening visit will be to McLarens Garden Centre at 7pm on Wednesday 6th May.

THE CHURCH AND VILLAGE FETE

By the time you read this, we will be in British Summer Time and planning will be under way for the **Fete on Friday 5th June** in the Church Hall and grounds. An event like the Fete doesn’t just happen: it needs volunteers for all sorts of tasks, from helping with stalls on the night, to coming up with new ideas to bring people in!

Although the Fete is held in the Church grounds, it is for everyone in the village and around. We would very much appreciate your input to make it a successful event.

There will be a meeting of the organising committee in the Church Hall at 7pm on 1st April, then again on Wednesday 15th April. Please come along if you can.

We need helpers for the following:

- ❖ Selling programmes door-to-door;
- ❖ Manning stalls;
- ❖ Setting up and clearing up on the night;
- ❖ Providing home baking;
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Fenwick Rural

The rural bulb show and guest night was held on Thursday 12th March. Moira Anderson president welcomed members and guests from other rural's and federation. Jeanie Burns served up a lovely buffet supper before we were entertained by The Von Crap Singers who sang a great selection of songs and also did some readings. Anne Borthwick and Anne Howat judged the bulbs.

Pot of crocus 1st Mary Speirs -Bowl of 3 hyacinths 1st Edith Muirhead
2nd Nan Tivendale 3rd Mary Speirs-Bowl of miniature daffodils 1st Mary Speirs
2nd Edith Ronald 3rd Edith Muirhead-Flowering pot plant 1st Nancy Harrison
2nd Mary Speirs 3rd Nan Tivendale-Foliage pot plant 1st Norma Barr
2nd Edith Ronald 3rd Mary Speirs-Arrangement of floating flowers 1st Nan Tivendale
2nd Edith Muirhead.Cup winner was Mary Speirs runner-up was Edith Muirhead.
Maureen Rodger gave the vote of thanks. Thanks go to everyone who made the night so enjoyable.

Fenwick Bowling Club

The club held their afternoon whist drive on 5th March. Marilyn Morton was cardmaster and the prize winners were - pink cards 1st Bessie Houston: 2nd Anne Borthwick; consolation Mae McFarlane. White cards 1st Sybil Cuthbertson; 2nd Anna Steel; consolation Catherine Barr.

Thanks to everyone for bringing prizes along.

President, Joe Davis, was cardmaster at the evening whist and Jane McVey presented the prizes. Ladies winners were - 1st Jean Morton; 2nd Enid McNab; 3rd (equal) Elma Bomphray and Donna Elliot; consolation Margaret Watt. Gents - 1st William Goldberg; 2nd John Little; 3rd John Douglas; consolation Marilyn Morton.

The last whists for the season will be held on Thursday, 2nd April 2pm and Saturday, 11th April at 7.30pm, both in the clubhouse.

The bowling green opens for play on Saturday, 25th April at 3pm for the gents and Wednesday, 29th April, at 2pm for the ladies. New members are always welcome to join. If you are interested, please contact any member.

Fenwick Church Guild



The Final evening of the 2014/15 session was a musical evening by the Loudon Musical Society Voices. A full hall including visitors from Kilmaurs, Stewarton and Hallhouse thoroughly enjoyed the entertainment, tea and a raffle finished the evening.

We hope to see all our members and anyone who would like to join on Tuesday

September 29th till then have a lovely summer.

Thank You! Thank You!

Pastor Sampath sends his very grateful thanks to the Guild for their very generous donation to the work at Fenwick Pre-school in Sri Lanka. He would also like to thank the members of Fenwick Parish Church for their continued support. He wishes God's richest blessings on the work of Fenwick Parish Church and continues to keep everyone in his prayers.



The Foodbank also send their very grateful thanks to the people of Fenwick Parish Church for their continued support, and also to the Guild for their additional collection at their AGM. The contributions they receive are vital to the work they do.

Moscow Rural:

On a cold night a score or so of brave souls ventured out to hear John Kinloch talk about his wonderful garden. It was well worth it; John spoke in an amusing manner about his development of an acre of sheltered ground into a beautiful wildlife friendly garden and illustrated his talk with plenty of slides to show his work. There was a further surprise at the end of his talk when he showed further slides of another of his talents – cake decorating.

John judged all the competitions; Doorstop 1 Anne Borthwick

2 Catherine Barr 3 Mary Montgomerie,

Tablet 1 Christine Taylor 2 Anne Craig 3 Elsie Nisbet.

The bulb show results were:- 3 Blue Hyacinths 1 Anne Borthwick 2 Myra Seton, 5 Tulips 1 Myra Seton 2 Anne Borthwick. Anne Borthwick won the trophy for the best bulbs.

The hostesses were Jean Caldwell and Nancy Anderson and Anne Morton gave the very appreciative vote of thanks.

The passing of Isobel Loudon, past president of Moscow SWRI and a member for nearly fifty years was noted and a two minutes silence was held in her honour.

The next meeting in the Hogg Hall will be the AGM, with a Bring and Buy sale, on Monday 4th May. The competition is a knitted article for prize of the Jessie MacKinnon Quaich.

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Day	Date	Time	Notes	Scripture
	April			
Thu	02/04/15	7.00pm	Maundy Thursday	Matthew 26:17-30
Sun	05/04/15		Easter Sunday	
		06.40am		
		10.30am		Matthew 28:1-10
			Directions to the Kingdom	
Sun	12/04/15	10.30am	Easter 2	Matthew 28:16-20
Sun	19/04/15	10.30am	Easter 3	Acts 10:1-7, 34-35
Sun	26/04/15		Season of Holy Communion	
		10.30am	Easter 4	Acts 13:1-3 & 14:1-8
		7.00pm		
Mon	27/04/15	2.00pm		
	May			
Sun	03/05/15	10.30am	Easter 5	Romans 1:1-17

Notes:

- 1) **Children of all ages are catered for each Sunday** whether by learning zones, holiday fun club, creche, Junior church, YCam or All Age Worship services.
- 2) **Junior Church** (playgroup to P7) and **YCam** (Youth) meet each week joining with the whole Church family for the first part of the service before going to their own learning zones or activity. YCam leave at a later point in the service.
- 3) The quoted scriptures are the Bible base for the week, readers should contact the Minister to obtain their readings for the week.

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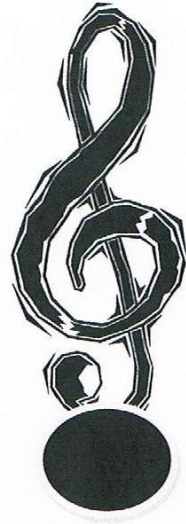
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<i>Mondays:</i> 6 13,20,27 13,20,27 13,20,27 13,20,27	Both Guthrie Guthrie Guthrie Guthrie	All day 2 – 4.30pm 6.30 – 7.30pm 9.30 – 11.30am 7.30 – 9pm	Easter Fun Day Crafts Keep Fit Class Mothers & Toddlers Guides
<i>Tuesdays:</i> 14,21,28 7 7 14 14 28	Both Both Paton/Upper Upper Paton Paton	3.30 – 6pm 10am – 5pm 7.30 – 10pm 7.30 – 10 pm 6.30 – 8pm 8 – 9.30pm	Creation Dance Co. Lest We Forget Project Team Meetings Team Leaders Meditation Group Pre-5s Committee
<i>Wednesdays:</i> 1 8 15,22,29 15,22,29 15,22,29 15,22,29	Paton Both Guthrie Guthrie Paton Guthrie	7 – 9pm 10am – 5pm 10am – 12noon 3 – 5.30pm 5.30 – 6.30pm 6.30 – 8pm	Fete Committee Lest We Forget Project Badminton Ann Coyle Dance Class Rainbows Brownies
<i>Thursdays:</i> 9 9 16,23,30 16 16	Both Guthrie Guthrie Upper Paton	10am – 5pm 7 – 10pm 9.30 – 11.30am 7.30 – 10pm 7.30 - 10pm	Green Screen Filming Fenwick WRI Mothers & Toddlers Book Group Garden Club
<i>Fridays:</i> 10 24	Both Paton	10am – 5pm 9.30am – 4pm	Green Screen Filming SWRI Handicraft Tests
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1. He went into His Fathers business.
2. He lived at home until he was 33.
3. He was sure his Mother was a virgin and his mother was sure he was God.

But then there were 3 equally good arguments that Jesus could have been Italian:

1. He talked with his hands.
2. He had wine with every meal.
3. He used olive oil.

But then there were 3 equally good arguments that Jesus could have been a Californian:

1. He never cut his hair.
2. He walked around barefoot all the time
3. He started a new religion.

But then there were 3 equally good arguments that Jesus could have been Irish:

1. He never got married.
2. He was always telling stories.
3. He loved green pastures.

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1. He fed a crowd at a moment's notice when there was no food.
2. He kept trying to get a message across to a bunch of men who just didn't get it.
3. And even when he was dead, He had to get up because there was more work to do.

Church Duties April and May, 2015

Beadles

April

5 A Crosbie
12 W McNab
19 A Patrick
26 TBA

May

3 W Muirhead
10 I Pirie
17 K Wadsworth
24 A Crosbie
31 W McNab

Bible Readings

April

5 Linda Young
Alan Patrick
12 Y CAM
Irene Couper
19 Shona Crosbie
IaIn Pirie
26 Stephanie Young
Alastair Naismith

May

3 Pat Wilson
Derek Mason
10 Y CAM
Simon Young
17 Sharon Redmayne
Kevin Wadsworth
24 Anne Naismith
Mark Young
31 Nora Shanks
David Barbour

Crèche - April

5 Manuela Barbour & Gillian Madden
12 Martha Speirs & Joyce Dell-Robertson
19 Catherine McInnes & Kerri Knox
26 Marilyn Morton & Isobel Murray

May

3 Jean Bowes & Nan Tivendale
10 Manuella Barbour & Gillian Madden

Finance Team

April

C McInnes
J Bryson
S Greer

May

J Bowes
A Borthwick
M Scott

Prayers

April

5 Nora Shanks
12 Gerry McGeever
19 Sharon Redmayne
26 Richard Roberts

May

3 Shona Crosbie
10 Geoff Redmayne
17 Stephanie Young
24 Sandy Scott
31 Mark Young

Welcome Team

April

N Shanks
J Shanks
F Gibson
A Tivendale

May

A Crosbie
H Morton
P Parkin
E Muirhead

Flowers

April

5 EASTER
12 Mrs Grace Freel
19 Mrs Marlyn Graham
26 Miss Irene Couper

May

3 Mrs Senga Loudon
10 Mrs Ray Hunter
17 Mr John Douglas
24 Mrs Florence McKellar
31 Miss Mary Speirs

Tea And Coffee After Service

April

5 Marilyn Morton & Jean Bowes
12 John Douglas & Lynn Smith
19 Alistair and Shona Crosbie
26 Senga Loudon & Anne Borthwick

May

3 Alastair & Anne Naismith

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